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ACCORDING to several of the American journals recently to hand, a severe winter in North America and Europe is feared owing to early signs of wintry conditions in portions of these countries; and, if these predictions should be verified, an unusually large number of "birds of passage" may be expected to visit these islands during the early months of winter. Recently there have been considerable accessions to our population from America, and during the coming season large numbers of tourists will stay over more or less time on the islands so as to escape the severities of colder climates.

MR. DILLINGHAM has laid on our table a finely-printed pamphlet, entitled "Culture of Sugar Cane: Report of the Water Supply for Irrigation on the Honolulu and Kahuku Ranches, Oahu, H. I., by James D. Schuyler and G. H. Allard, civil engineers." Besides the above report, which is a valuable contribution to our scientific investigations of the hidden possibilities of these islands, is a large colored lithograph map of Pearl River Lagoon and the surrounding districts, which will prove valuable for reference, being a copy of Hawaiian and U. S. surveys. The pamphlet covers 32 pages of information and statistics bearing on the subjects investigated.

BUSINESS along the wharves has never been more active at this season of the year than now, although the shipments of produce are small. The amount of lumber that is sent from Honolulu to almost every port in the group, by steamers and sailing vessels is quite large, and is evidence of increasing demand, not only from plantations, but to supply the wants of natives. At the same time, the inter-island travel on the steamers appears to be on the increase. Crowds move from one island to another and others return to take their place. These facts seem to indicate prosperity among the laboring classes as well as the planters. We understand that improvements are in progress on nearly every plantation, giving demand for laborers as well as for lumber and building materials. This is evidence of prosperity, not to be denied.

THE DEPARTURE of Mr. TARO ANDO and his wife, on the steamship Yamashiro Maru, on Saturday last affords us the opportunity and the pleasure of noticing an official gentleman and lady whose uniform urbanity and courtesy have fitted them to occupy the favored position which they have held the past three years as representatives of the Government of Japan. His knowledge of the Hawaiians and of the various nationalities in this Kingdom, acquired during his residence here, has eminently fitted him to act as a mediator in the many petty complaints or *piliakas* which arise among his countrymen here, and in every case to the satisfaction of both parties. These qualities will commend him to his government as a judicious counsellor, and as "the right man in the right place." We wish both Mr. and Mrs. Taro Ando a prosperous voyage to Japan, and a safe return to our sunny isles.

THE SUGAR MARKET.

The following from Messrs. Willett & Hamlin's New York circular of Sept. 12th, will interest all engaged in sugar. It emphasizes what has before been stated, and is probably a correct forecast of the market for the next twelve months. Since its publication, advices of cold weather and snow in eastern Europe have been received, which must still further reduce the crop of the present year:

"During the week under review it has become more evident that the unfortunate experiences of the European sugar syndicate since July have caused a lower level of values to be touched than is warranted by the statistical position or crop prospects and that we are now passing the lowest prices likely to be made during the coming twelve months. The best crop is no longer considered an early one and the latest report is that the best roots are inferior in quality to last year. Reports from cane-producing coun-

tries are favorable as far as weather goes, but it is yet early to estimate results; and, taken altogether, there is good ground for expectation that the average price of sugar in 1890 will be above the average price of 1889. European markets are slowly responding to the situation, which in the United States business, is now moving with more satisfaction in refined and with stronger tendency to raws. Receipts are very small and stocks in all hands are reduced 11,208 tons for the week, leaving only 42,478 tons in importers' hands, against 79,212 tons at same time last year. Muscovados are virtually exhausted and holders of centrifugals are claiming 3c. advance on last sales. Total stock in all the principal countries by latest uneven dates is 483,722 tons, against 609,661 tons at same time last year."

THE ANTI-CHINESE QUESTION.

We publish in to-day's issue two letters upon the Chinese question, which were received on Wednesday last from the island of Hawaii.

Our friends on the other islands seem to attach a more comprehensive importance to the anti-Chinese movement than circumstances warrant, and for their information we may state:

1st. That the movement is confined to a class of tradesmen and mechanics into whose business Chinese competition is steadily cutting with destructive effect.

2d. As we understand the movement, no desire has been publicly expressed to restrict labor on the plantations, except in cases where skilled labor by white men is supplanted by Asiatic mechanics.

3d. The evil of Chinese competition in skilled labor and storekeeping is generally admitted, even among those opposed to the movement, to be undermining certain classes of white men's pursuits in the island towns, and especially in Honolulu.

4th. The difference in thought, upon the chief points at issue, is chiefly in the mode to be taken in carrying out remedial measures.

5th. A very large majority of the voters are opposed, for various reasons, to an extra session of the Legislature being held; and among the chief of these reasons are an unwarrantable extra expense that would accrue, great obstacles that stand in the way of calling members together, and the danger of hasty and ill-considered action at a time when the public mind is occupied by other and more urgent questions.

6th. The property owners, and those who have large material interests in the country, keep entirely aloof from the present anti-Chinese movement; although admitting that well considered restrictive measures would, to some extent, be advisable.

7th. A deputation of mechanics and others have presented to the Cabinet a petition, embodying resolutions passed at the anti-Chinese meetings; but, so far, no answer has been returned, and there are very grave reasons why an answer should not be returned before being well weighed in all its bearings.

The above statements comprehend, as nearly as we can judge, the leading facts regarding the anti-Chinese movement; and, in its present stage, adverse criticism is superfluous, and would only be received with the customary published abuse. In short, the question does not, in its present stage, admit of argument that would be beneficial to the country.

We may add that the anti-Chinese movement, so far as is publicly known, does not contemplate any injustice to the planters; but only restriction and regulation of some kind that, as yet, seem to be crudely considered.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AGAIN.

In our issue of September 18th, we gave some statistics with reference to our schools, with the names of the teachers employed. We have analyzed that list, and find some interesting results. There are in all thirty-nine teachers in the Honolulu district. Of these twenty-six have been educated in our own schools; nine have been educated in the United States, and four in Great Britain or its colonies. Looking at the nationalities of the teachers we find that thirty-eight were born in this country, nine in the United States, and seven in Great Britain or its dependencies. Of these seven, three came here very young and were educated in Honolulu. As to actual nationality, without reference to birthplace, there are fourteen teachers of British nationality, ten American, ten half-casts,

and five pure Hawaiians. But of the British and American, a considerable number were born here, as the above figures show. As to sex, there are eleven males and twenty-eight females. Of the males, three are American, four British, one half-caste and three Hawaiian. One of the teachers has taught for over forty years. Several of those holding the more responsible positions have taught for twenty years, and quite a number have been in the service of the Board over ten years.

With regard to the nationalities of the scholars: Fort Street has its bulk of pupils from American, British and half-caste families. The Royal School is composed chiefly of Hawaiian and half-caste boys, though the Portuguese are beginning to send their children to the lower rooms. The Kaulawela School has Hawaiian, half-caste and Portuguese. The Pohokaina Girls' School is composed almost entirely of Hawaiians, with a few half-casts. The small outside schools draw their numbers chiefly from Hawaiians, with the exception of Marquesville, which is composed exclusively of Portuguese, and Kalihi-uka in which there is a preponderance of Portuguese. To ensure attendance at school two truant officers are employed by the Board of Education, one Hawaiian and one Portuguese.

A regular course of study has been laid down by the Board of Education which is divided into three sections—the primary course embracing the four first years of school life; the grammar grade course lasting from the fifth to the eighth year, and a high school course lasting four years. The object of this course is evidently to be as thoroughly practical as possible. And if it is consistently carried out, children who have only taken four years of it should have a good knowledge of English, should write well, and should have sufficient command

of arithmetic to keep ordinary accounts.

Besides the public schools there are a large number of private educational institutions in and around Honolulu with an attendance quite as large as in the public schools. Of these the principal are Oahu College, Punahou Preparatory, Kamehameha Schools, Kamehameha Preparatory, St. Louis College, Iolani College, St. Andrews' Priory, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Kawaihau Seminary, Chinese Boys' School and Chinese Girls' School, besides one or two private ventures.

It certainly cannot be said that Honolulu is lacking in educational advantages, where for a population of a little over 20,000, there are no less than 27 schools provided.

"PIKE'S PEAK OR BUST."

A Cog-Wheel Railroad to Run to the Summit.

MANTOU, (Col.), September 20.—A contract for building a cog-wheel road up Pike's Peak was signed yesterday in Chicago. On Monday the work will be begun from the top of the peak by a force of 300 men. The road will be running by May unless the winter is exceptionally severe. The railroad is backed by H. H. Porter, president of the Eastern Illinois Railroad, Cable, president of the Rock Island, and other well-known railroad magnates. The capital stock is divided into 5,000 shares of \$100. The road is bonded for the same amount. All the stock, except two blocks of 100 shares, has been subscribed.

A Large Bridge.

QUEBEC, September 20.—M. Eiffel, the builder of the great tower in Paris, is expected here in November to build a bridge over the St. Lawrence, which will connect the International Railway with the Canadian Pacific and give Canada a continuous road from the Atlantic to the Pacific on her own territory. The estimates of English and Canadian engineers are for a bridge costing \$7,000,000. Eiffel's son and his partner, who are now here, estimate that it can be built for \$5,000,000.

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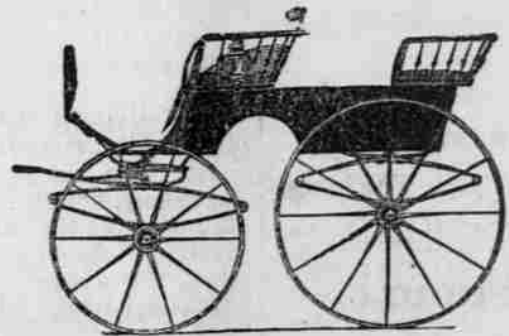
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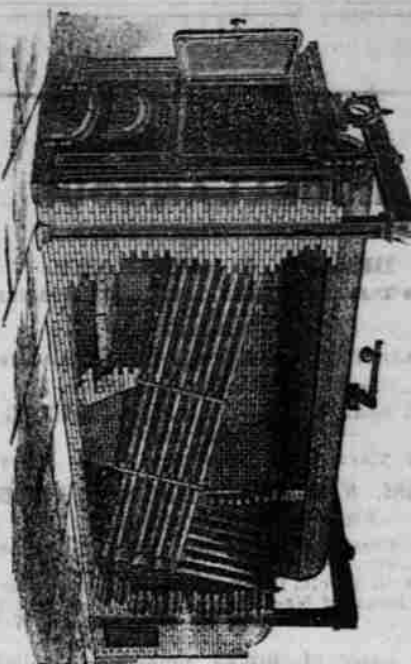
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